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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 101.0084-02000
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 8299
Gary K. Michelson)	
Serial No.: 09/921,851)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: August 3, 2001)	Examiner: Bruce Snow
For: METHOD FOR FORMING A)	
SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE)	
CONFIGURATION)	

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action of August 18, 2005, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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